Environmental clearance for Power Project in M.P.

†1589. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for 1000 MW Thermal Power Station Project referred to Government by Government of Madhya Pradesh has been cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) if not, by when the said project would be cleared;

(c) whether the coal linkage proposal for the said project has also been cleared; and

(d) if not, by when the said proposal would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) A request was received from Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Ltd. (MPSEB) in May, 2002 seeking site clearance to the proposed project of 2x500 MW at Malwa, Purni. Since the proposed project did not fall under the category of pithead thermal power plant, therefore, no site clearance as per Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 1994 and its subsequent amendments, is necessary. A complete proposal for environment clearance is yet to be received in Ministry of Environment and Forests from the Project Authority.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A proposal from MPSEB was received in the Ministry of Power for long term coal linkage for the proposed power project. This Ministry has recommended to Ministry of Coal on 09.09.2005 for grant of long-term coal linkage of 12 Million Tonne per Annum (MTPA).

Restarting of DPC

1590. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central State Panel constituted to thrash out details for restarting the Dabhol plant has worked out details for operation of the Power Project and submitted its report;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) has been set up by the Government of India to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol Power Project. The various aspects for restart of the Dabhol Power Project have been deliberated among the concerned stakeholders including the Government of Maharashtra under the overall supervision of the EGOM. Consequent to these deliberations, various activities for early restart of the project have commenced at the project site.

A project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) by the name of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Ltd. (RGPPL) has been incorporated to acquire, revive, complete and restart the Dabhol plant. The High Court of Judicature at Mumbai has on 22. 09. 2005 passed its order in the Consent Petition No. 1116 of 2005 for the transfer of assets of Dabhol Power Company to RGPPL. RGPPL has taken over the physical possession of assets from the Court Receiver on 6. 10. 2005 and has initiated actions for completion and restart of the erstwhile Dabhol power project.

The total power generation capacity of the project is estimated to be 2150 MW. Subject to the availability of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), the power generation from one block (of total three blocks) is likely to commence by July, 2006. All the three blocks are likely to be declared commercial by November, 2006.

Gap between demand and supply of power

†1591. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether gap between demand and supply of power still exists in various States;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove this gap; and

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